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Remarks

Claims 1-12 and 19-21 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 5 were rejected. Claims 3, 4, 6-12, and 19-21 were merely objected to and no claims were allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claim 3 is canceled, claims 1, 4, 6, 19, and 21 are amended, and claims 22-27 are added. No new matter is presented.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of the telephone interview of May 1, 2006 between Attorney William B. Slate and Examiner Nathaniel E. Wiehe. The examiner indicated that the indication of allowable subject matter at page 3 should have read "3, 4, 6-12, and 9-21".

The foregoing amendments were discussed as placing the allowed claims in independent form with allowable claim 3 being incorporated into claim 1 without the elements of intervening claim 2. The added dependent claims were agreed as merely providing corresponding new dependent claims corresponding to existing dependent claims but dependent upon the newly independent claims. Thus, no new matter is involved.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4, 6-12, and 19-21.


Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by Lombard (CA534694). Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lombard in view of Adelizzi (US3822953). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections as to the amended claims for the reasons noted above.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 19-27 are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

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